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SUBJ: CIEE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CIEE PROGRAM WITH V.M. MUSHENKOV, CHIEF OF NEWLY-FORMED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ABROAD SECTION OF MHE AND WITH V. G. KOSTOMAROV, DIRECTOR, PUSHKIN INSTITUTE, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. BPAO LENINGRAD DISCUSSED WITH A.A. SHUKOV, LGU PROPRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. SEMESTER PROGRAM DEFINITELY WILL BE CONTINUED BEYOND 1974-75 YEAR. SPONSORSHIP WILL SHIFT FROM SPUTNIK TO MHE AFTER SPRING TERM 1975.

3. DECISION NOT MADE WHETHER PUSHKIN INSTITUTE WILL TAKE ON FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM IN FUTURE, ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS TO BE PLAN. INSTITUTE AS YET HAS NO PERMANENT FACILITIES, ALTHOUGH A BUILDING AND DORMITORIES ARE PLANNED IN MOSCOW. MHE SAID LGU WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COURSE MATERIALS AND HOUSING IN INITIAL STAGES OF NEW SPONSORSHIP, BUT FINAL PLANS, INCLUDING LENINGRAD LOCATION, ARE STILL UNCERTAIN. ACCORDING TO KOSTOMAROV, INSTITUTE COULD HANDLE COURSE MATERIALS AND TEACHING

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IN OTHER CITIES, INCLUDING LENINGRAD. MHE MAINLY INTERESTED

ACADEMIC SIDE OF PROGRAM AND MAY ASSIGN ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS TO TRAVEL AGENCY.

4. BPAO LENINGRAD REPORTS LGU BELIEVES PRESENT PROGRAM NOT RPT NOT A BURDEN ON LGU. MHE SHOWED EMB LETTER FROM LGU RECTOR ENDORSING CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM. CONTINUATION IN LENINGRAD SHOULD BE POSSIBLE AT LEAST FOR NEAR FUTURE.

5. SEPTELS ON NEW DEPT. OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ABROAD AND PUSHKIN INSTITUTE FOLLOW. LOOK FORWARD TO BECKER VISIT; WILL REPORT FURTHER ON PROGRAM PROSPECTS FOLLOWING HIS TALKS.

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